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COUNTY TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES, 1838-

Abstract: Records (1838-2015) of changes made to county township boundaries in Missouri.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Per Missouri Revised Statute (47.010), “Each county commission may divide the county into convenient townships, and as occasion may require erect new townships, subdivide townships already established, organize better township lines, and may, upon the petition

in writing, of not less than twenty-five percent of the legally qualified voters of each township affected, as such vote was cast in the last preceding general election for the office receiving the greatest number of votes in the township or townships affected, consolidate two or more existing townships into one township, or otherwise reduce the number of townships, or change the boundary lines thereof, as may be deemed advisable.”

According to Section 47.020, “The commission shall, within thirty days after establishing any township, transmit to the office of the secretary of state a description of such township, containing the name and boundaries thereof, and shall cause the clerk to enter such description of record.”

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Arrangement: Alphabetical by county and then by addition

Scope and Content

This series lists the county township boundary changes in Missouri. Folders may contain correspondence, certification of orders, and maps. In Box 5 (Folder 16) are WPA listings of these records, by county and date range, from 1838 to 1942, as found in the original trays in the secretary of state's vault.

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